

AGENDA ITEM 11: Receive Executive Director report – March 27, 2014

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Requested Action: **None**

Executive Director's Report

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Program and Project Update

1. Delta Heritage Area Initiative (DelHAI):

- The Delta branding effort has been proceeding with two Delta visitor focus group meetings held; we expect to present the Commission with draft logos for consideration at the May 22 meeting. In addition, our project partner Delta Conservancy will soon announce the successful bidder for the Delta marketing component.
- DPC staff met with Delta National Heritage Area (NHA) supporters in Oakley on March 5 to discuss efforts to advance the NHA legislation in Congress.
- DPC staff have been providing assistance to graduate students from CSU Sacramento for an oral history project on Delta pear farming and the post-World War II Walnut Grove Japanese District. Once completed, the transcripts of the interviews will be housed with the Sacramento River Delta Historical Society
- The Holland Union Gakuen charrette (mentioned at the last meeting) will be held in Clarksburg on May 30; DPC received grants from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the State Office of Historic Preservation for this effort.
- Pursuant to the Delta Plan's Delta As Place Recommendation #4, the Delta Protection Commission is exploring planning activities for the Delta's legacy communities to promote economic development, while preserving the communities' unique senses of place.
- Creek Week is April 4-12 and DPC is participating as sponsor of the activities, including creek clean-ups in the Delta being coordinated by the Delta Conservancy.
- The Great Delta Trail draft blueprint report is near completion as is the recreation inventory that State Parks is assisting with. Both efforts will be further reported on at the May 22 DPC meeting.
- The new edition of Delta Voice has been released and will be distributed; DPC received great suggestions on Delta As Place booklist updates from local community members.

- 2. Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District/DSC Levee Prioritization:** DPC has received the contract from DWR for the Assessment District study and we anticipate issuing a request-for-proposals in the next month. The Delta Stewardship Council levee

prioritization effort has kicked off with proposals due from bidders on March 21. DPC, DWR and DSC staff have met on several occasions to coordinate the two efforts, and will continue to meet regularly as the two efforts proceed.

3. **Delta Stewardship Council Implementation Committee:** The DSC Implementation Committee is the high-level gathering of state and federal agencies that are implementing different provisions of the Delta Plan. DPC will be represented on the Implementation Committee by Vice-Chair Mary Piepho, and the first meeting is April 9 in Sacramento.
4. **U.C Davis Delta Consumptive Water Use (E.T.) study:** This report, presented to Commissioners at the November DPC meeting, was formally transmitted to Craig Wilson, Delta Watermaster at the State Water Resources Control Board (see attached transmittal letter).
5. **Water Bonds:** Water bond measures are moving through the Legislature and must be enacted by late June to appear on the November 2014 statewide ballot. Assembly Bill 1331 (Rendon) and Senate Bill 848 (Wolk) are the primary legislative vehicles; both have recently been amended and a current summary will be provided to Commissioners at the March 27 meeting.

Administrative Update

1. **DPC Staffing:** DPC has advertised for a public information officer and applications are due March 25. We also expect to release a job announcement for a senior planner in the next month, which will complete our current hiring efforts.
2. **FPPC Conflict of Interest Code:** DPC is revising its conflict of interest code, governing who must complete Fair Political Practices Commission filings and what these filings should cover. We anticipate releasing the draft revised Code by the end of March and then bringing it to the Commission for approval at the May 22 meeting.
3. **FPPC Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interests):** The annual reporting forms are due to the DPC office by April 1. Please contact Commission Clerk Bree Kaminskis for any materials needed to complete the filing of the report.